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FOLLOWING ISTEIX OF MFA NOTE DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1974:

BEGIN TEXT. "THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, IN REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 16 OF 22 JULY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ALLEGED PRACTICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL OF LEVYING AN AVIATION FUEL TAX ON JET FUEL PURCHASED AT THE BEN-GURION AIRPORT, BY THE US-DESIGNATED CARRIER, TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT ENQUIRY ESTABLISHES THAT THE COMPLAINT OF TRANS WORLD AIRLINES APPEARS TO BE BASED ON A MISUNDERSTANDING.

"THE PAYMENT IN QUESTION IS NEITHER A TAX NOR A LEVY, BUT A PAYMENT MADE TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES BY THE FUEL SUPPLIERS (AVIATION SERVICES LTD) AS A CONSIDERATION FOR THE USE OF THE AIRPORT FACILITIES: IT REFLECTS A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPPLIERS AND THOSE AUTHORITIES, AND HAS NO STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

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"THE FUEL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY IN TURN TRANSFERS
THE PAYMENT TO THE AIRLINES USING THE AIRPORT, THIS IS
DONE IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS APPLYING TO ALL
AIRCRAFT USING THE AIRPORT. EL AL - ISRAEL AIRLINES
IS NOT EXEMPT - NOR IS EL AL GRANTED ANY REBATE, BUT
PAYS THE SAME RATE AS DO ALL FOREIGN AIRLINES.

"THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF
OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION." END TEXT.
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